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The Wright News

WINTER 2012

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND OUR
2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 6th, 7:00p.m.

at

Hartville Freewill Baptist Church

5658 Highway Z

Keynote Speaker for the evening

Gorman Bennett, NRCS District Conservationist

Menu

BBQ Brisket

AuGratin Potatoes

Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Hot Rolls

Apple & Peach Cobbler

Please RSVP by March 30th 417-741-6195 ext. 4

Grazing School to be Held in Hartville

A regional grazing school will be held April 30th, May 1st & 2nd. The school will be held at the Freeman Farm building located West of Hartville on Highway F across from Mt. Zion Baptist Church. We will have classes on Monday and Tuesday from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. and Wednesday from 8:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. All three classes must be attended to receive certification.

Grazed forages are the most economical feed input available for our livestock. This is easily recognized at this time of year by how soon we are able to 'turn out' on grass. All too often, we feel at the mercy of "Mother Nature" in forage production without stopping to realize the true impacts we have on the outcome. The way we manage grazing time, height and fertility can have a dramatic effect on production and how the plant is able to cope with weather factors. This course will make you think about your management style and how it affects the forage performance. It will also give you the information and tools needed to make adjustments to improve your bottom line. We have had requests from past participants to repeat the course as a refresher because they found the content practical and effective.

The information presented in the course is the primary benefit, but attendance also fulfills one of the eligibility requirements for the Soil and Water Conservation District to be able to cost share with you on needed fencing and water development for your planned grazing system.

Please contact the Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District at 417-741-6195 ext. 4 for additional information.



The Hartville field office has a new Resource Conservationist. Clay Robertson transferred to Hartville from the Water Quality Project Office in Ozark in late October. He began his career with Natural Resources Conservation Service in December of 1983 as a Soil Conservationist. Since that time Clay has held several positions with NRCS including District Conservationist in the Owensville and New Madrid offices. He also spent time in the boot heel working in the Irrigation Project Office. Prior to his career with NRCS, Clay worked for the Department of Natural Resources as a Soil Scientist. Clay's roots in soil conservation began with his father who, in the early 70's, worked on the soil survey maps for Wright County.

Clay and his wife, Jan, have two children and make their home near Marshfield. Stop by and get acquainted with Clay!



**Where will you spend your
fertilizer dollars???**

**To best answer that question
*soil test soil test soil test!!!!***



The district has purchased a new flex harrow for landowners to utilize. If you have not used our flex harrow in the past you may want to consider the benefits of its usage. The new flex harrow is 12 feet wide and can be used late winter to early spring to distribute hay and manure piles across a field. You may also want to consider using it during winter months, along with one of our broadcast seeders, to over seed legumes. The rental rate for the flex harrow is \$40 per day.

